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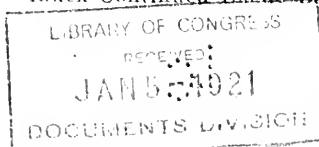
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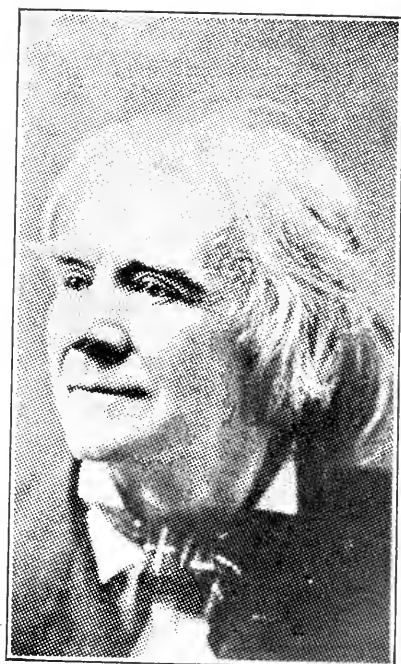
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Ole Bull



Governor William C. Sproul



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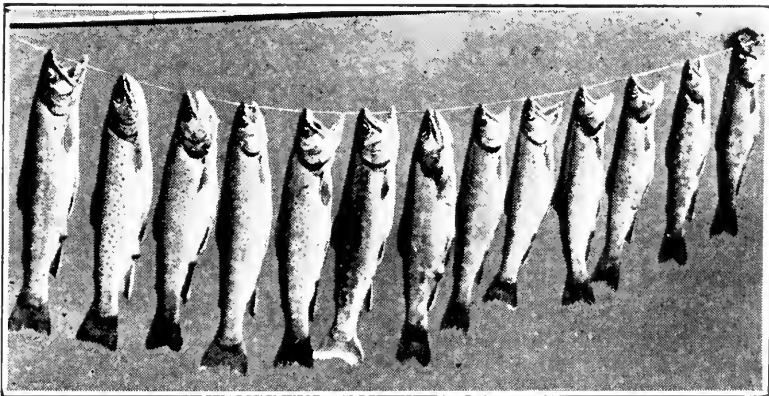
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A Catch of Beauties from the Waters of Kettle Creek.



View of Kettle Creek From Ole Bull Castle

Pilgrimage of the Potter County Historical  
Society to the Site of Ole  
Bull's Castle, near Oleona,  
July 30th, 1920.

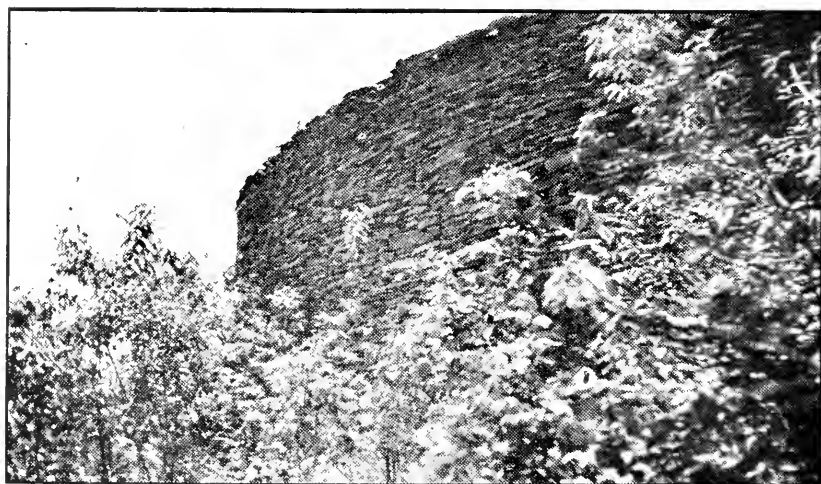
PROGRAM OF EXERCISES AT 2 P. M.

Star Spangled Banner .. Coudersport Boys' Band  
Invocation ..... Rev. W. D. Hevner, Galeton  
Address of Welcome and Brief Sketch of the  
History of the Ole Bull Colony .....  
Geo. P. Donehoo, D. D., President of Society  
Poem, "Ode to Ole Bull," by the Author, ....  
..... J. H. Chatham, McElhattan  
Violin Solo, "Visions of Oleona," by the Com-  
poser, Dr. Will George Butler, Mansfield  
Address by the Governor of Pennsylvania,  
..... Hon. William C. Sproul  
Brief addresses by following guests of the Society:  
Hon. Gifford Pinchot ... Commissioner of Forestry  
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Hon. C. H. Armstrong ..... Lock Haven  
America .. Coudersport Boys' Band and Audience  
Benediction ..... Rev. J. B. Harry, Coudersport

## SKETCH OF OLE BULL

IT WAS in 1852 that Ole Bull, Norwegian musician-patriot, sought to colonize some of his countrymen in the United States, and be a leader among them. This section of the country became a land of promise for the band of sturdy Norwegians led by the master violinist. This land of promise was of brief duration for the band, for after being defrauded, they were obliged to leave its half-cleared fields and partly completed homes. Many of them went to the prairie lands of Wisconsin and Minnesota and proved successful in their new location.

In an address he said to them: "We are to found a New Norway, consecrated to liberty, bap-



Wall Around the Crest of Ole Bull Hill

tized with independence and protected by America's mighty flag."

He choose Potter County for his colonization scheme, purchasing from a land-owner in Philadelphia, 11,144 acres of land at the headwaters of Kettle Creek, in what is now Abbott and Stewardson townships. It seems the landowners in Philadelphia had not a clear title to this land, and thus Ole Bull lost it. Ole laid out four villages: Oleona, New Norway, New Bergen and Walhalla. Here the colonists built their log houses. The largest settlement was at Oleona, where about sixteen houses were erected.

Ole Bull's castle was built about a mile below Oleona, on the crest of a bluff and at the mouth of a little stream now called Ole Bull Run, which empties into Kettle Creek. This castle of Ole Bull, by which name even its present-day ruins are known, could be seen for miles from either of three directions.

At the early age of 21 years, Ole Bull went to Paris, where with assistance from his friends, he soon won local distinction as a student of the great Paganini. With the success of his concerts in Switzerland and at Milan, Venice, Naples and London, his fame spread rapidly. At Rome, because of his playing four distinct parts on the violin at one time, the people, and even royalty, hailed him as a magician. Everywhere he went on the continent he was received with great enthusiasm. Other great successes rapidly followed, Ole Bull playing at the coronation of kings and with Liszt.

He first visited America in 1842, making a triumphant musical tour of the United States, Canada and the West Indies. His popularity in America was great, and after another successful European tour, Ole Bull returned to the United States, in

1852, with the intention of making real the dream of his life—the founding in the United States of a colony for his countrymen. Into the project he put his vast earnings from his concerts. It is now a matter of history that this project failed, and the Norwegian colonists drifted to other localities. Ole Bull died near Bergen, Norway, in 1860.

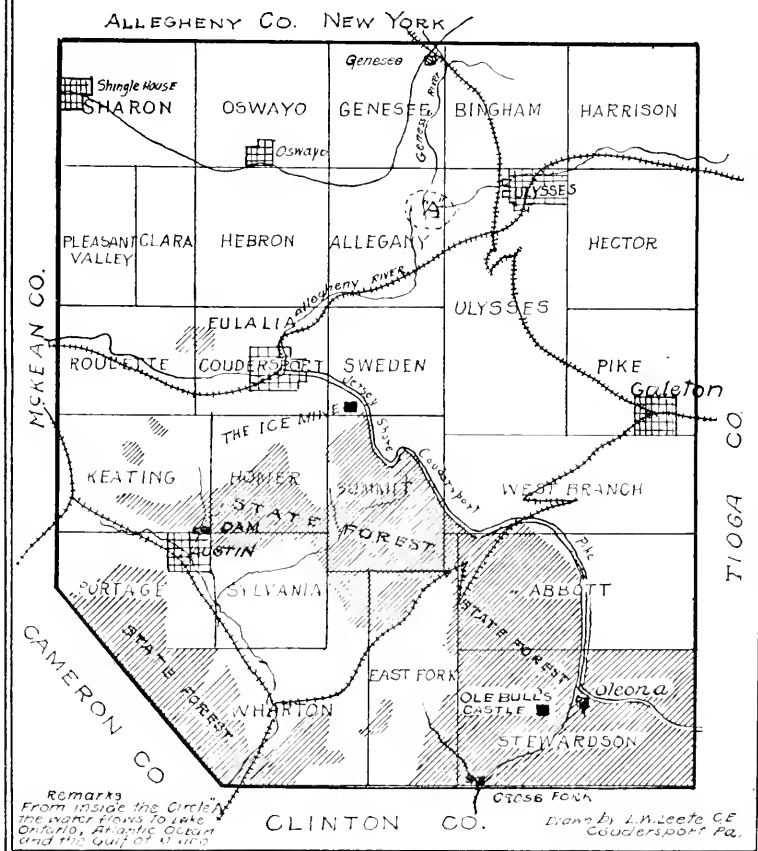
The location of Ole Bull's Castle will be noted on the map in the south-eastern part of Potter County.



Hunting Scene in Potter County

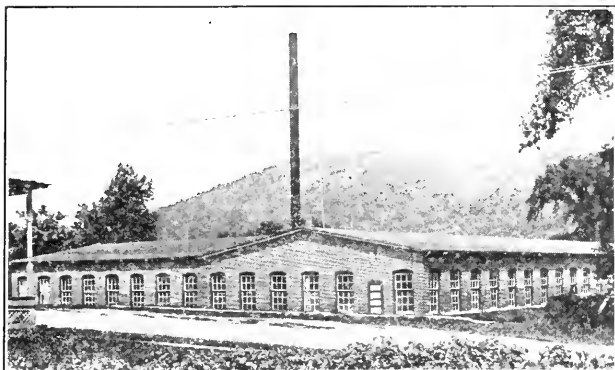


# MAP OF POTTER COUNTY PENNA



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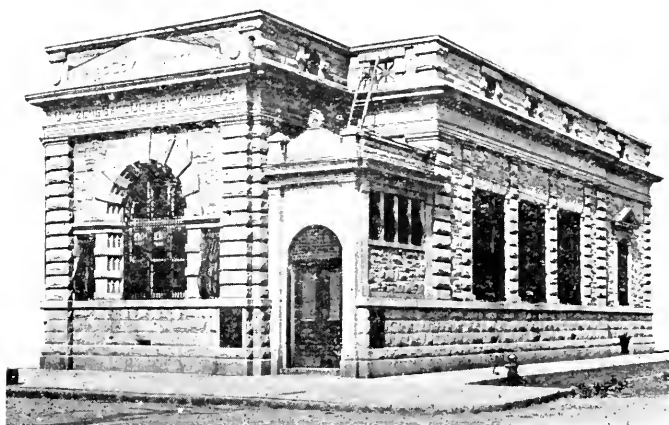
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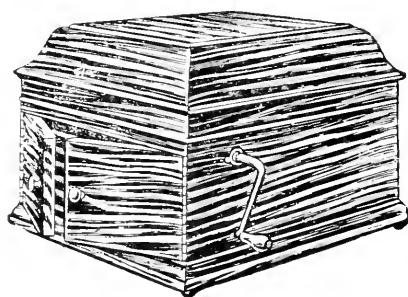
## EARLY COUNTY HISTORY

THE province of Pennsylvania was first established by the Treaty of Breda in 1667, when the territory of Pennsylvania was confirmed by the Dutch or New Netherlanders to the English Government. This territory remained under the jurisdiction of the British Governors of New York until 1682 when the territories of Pennsylvania and Delaware were surrendered to William Penn, granted to him by Charles II, the charter of which is a familiar document frequently published in Smull's Hand Book.

Originally Pennsylvania consisted of three counties, Philadelphia, Bucks and Chester. The territory, comprising Potter County and nearly all of the northwest, was known as Northumberland County and was created or organized by Act of Assembly, approved March 21, 1772. There were several prior purchases of the Indians, but the territory comprising the counties of Tioga, Potter, McKean, Jefferson



A Potter County Trout Stream



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Warren, Venango, Armstrong, Allegheny, Butler, Crawford, Mercer and Beaver is known as the Later Purchase, not by William Penn but by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by treaty with the Indians October, 1874, (at Fort M'Intosh.)

Potter County was organized by Act, approved the 26th day of March, 1804. The description began at the southeast corner of McKean and ran east thirty miles to Broadhead's easterly district line; then north, on the district line, to the State line, and west, along the State Line, to the northeast corner of McKean.

The earliest records of Potter County titles are found at Williamsport, the county seat of Lycoming County, the courts of which had jurisdiction of Potter County affairs until 1824; then, for a few years, kept in McKean county, although the two counties were entirely separate territorily.



Rose, Potter County's Only Lake.

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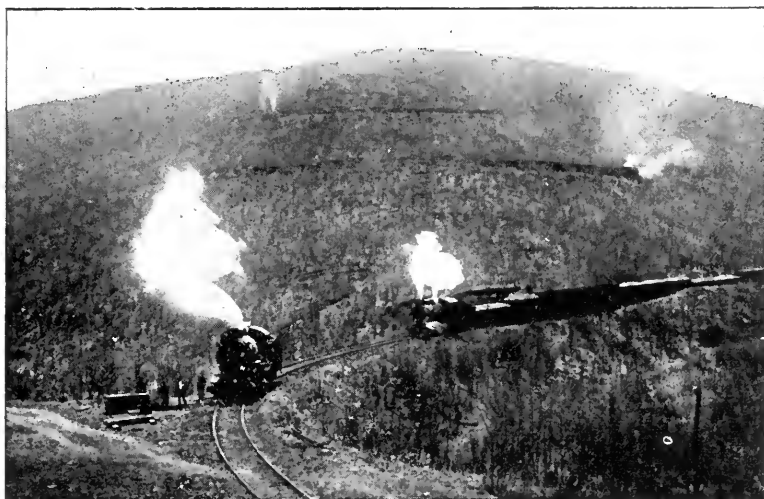
Leading dealers in  
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Kodaks  
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Cigars and Tobaccos  
Stationery

A store at which it is a  
pleasure to trade.

# THE JOERG DRUG COMPANY

COUDERSPORT, PENN'A.





Potter County Railroading—B. & S. Switchback

March 26, 1814, the county was provisionally organized with McKean and on the 27th of March, 1824, McKean and Potter were separated and detached and each of the counties authorized to have separate Boards of Commissioners, separate Auditors and county officers.

The earliest court records of McKean county show returns of constables made at the regular sessions of court for districts of Potter County.

The County was organized for judicial purposes in 1845. The records of the organization of the courts are somewhat incomplete. The first Appearance Docket began with March term, 1833, that record shows the issuing of a summons dated December 31, 1832, to Sheriff James Tyler, who was Sheriff of McKean County. It was served and returned by John L. Cartee of Potter County, deputy. The record of that case was made up by R. Chadwick, Prothonotary of McKean County, Ohio. J. Hamlin, fath-

Store Established in 1882

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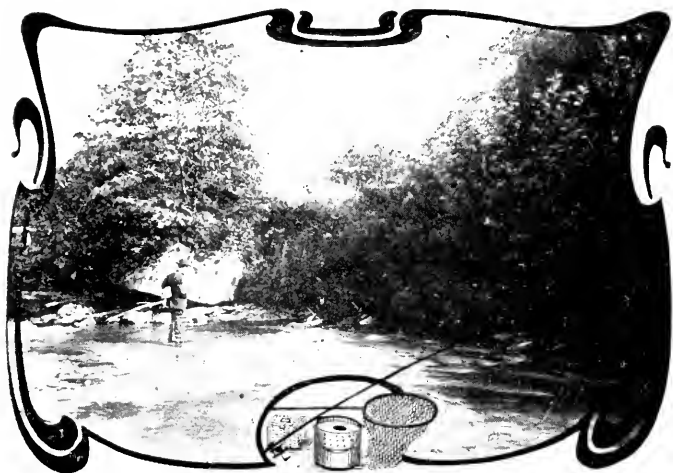
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Coudersport, Pa.

er of Hon. Henry Hamlin, was attorney for the plaintiff, and L. B. Cole, well-known in Potter County, was attorney for the defendant. The writ was tested by Hon. Edward Herrick, President Judge. The first court was held in September, 1836, but the record does not show who presided as Judge.



Where the Speckled Beauties are Found.

THE  
WINCHESTER  
STORE

JAMES R. TAUBERT  
HARDWARE  
COUDERSPORT, PA.

## COUNTY FORESTRY FACTS

THE entire area of Potter County is 678,890 acres, of which 90 per cent. or 546,645 acres is woodland or waste land. The Pennsylvania Department of Forestry owns 137,380 acres. The Department has paid \$260,959.99 for this area and each year returns to the county \$6,869.00 for school, road



Potter County Forest

and county purposes. There has been returned to the State Treasurer \$5,238.30 from the sale of wood, leases, etc.

Since acquiring these lands the Department has made the following improvements which have greatly increased the value of the land:

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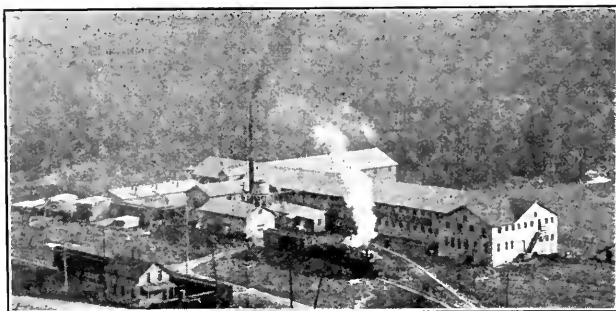
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Bird's Eye View

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The Corporation has rightly earned the slogan "McCabe Quality Furniture, Once Sold, Stays Sold."

Roads, improved and constructed, 42 miles.

Trails opened, 186 miles.

Boundary lines surveyed, 278 miles.

Telephone lines built, 62½ miles.

Telephones connected, 18.

Wooden fire towers built, 4.

Steel fire-lookouts, 4.

Springs opened and cleaned, 143.

Camp sites leased, 45.

Fish planted, 125,000.

Area reforested, 6,218 acres.

Trees planted, 8,890,450.

Every year an average of 6,500 campers, hunters and fishermen use this State Forest land.

The Department has distributed 332,588 seedlings to private individuals.



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## ENGLAND ? NO!

HERE is located in Potter County a thrifty up-to-date grocer, who was born in England and lived for years in London. Seeing greater opportunities in America he came to this country. After spending a few years here he saw his greatest opportunity in Potter County, where he is making good and pleased with the wonders the county offers. This man is

S. H. OWEN

Grocer

COUDERSPORT, - - - PENNSYLVANIA.



In order to prevent forest fires and to extinguish promptly any fires that do occur, a patrol system and lookout system of fire protection has been organized. During the Spring and Fall fire season, an average of 15 patrolmen are on duty. Forty-four local forest fire wardens are constantly alert to prevent and extinguish forest fires.

The State Forestry land in Potter County is shown by the shaded portions of map on page 13.



## WHY WE ARE LOCATED IN POTTER COUNTY

**W**E ARE located in the hardware business  
in Potter County because Potter County  
has—

The most thrifty modern farmers.

Great diversity of industry.

Wonderful roads.

Pure mountain water.

Unrivalled scenic beauty.

Streams full of speckled beauties.

Hunting of big game.

The best of schools.

A most hospitable people.

**W. T. FISK**

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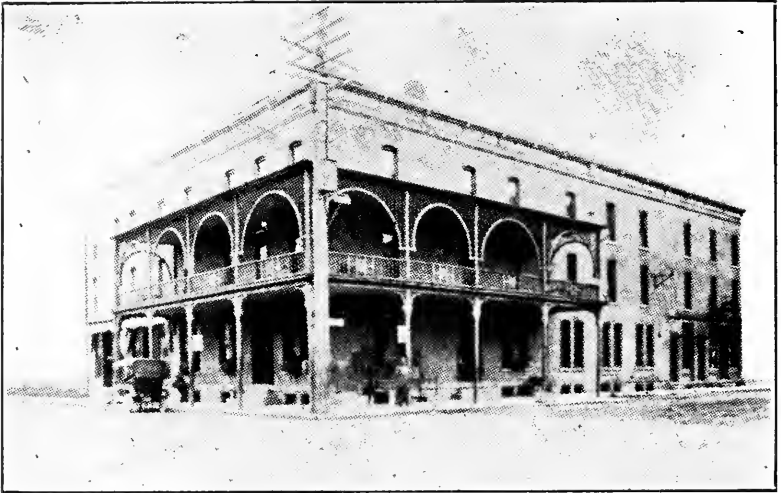
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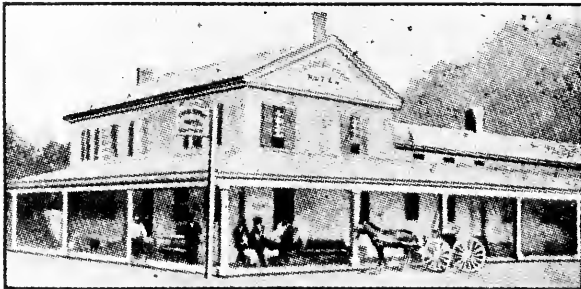
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## SHINGLEHOUSE

(By C. A. Herrick)

**S**HINGLEHOUSE, an odd name surely. The first settlement was made early in the nineteenth century, some of the original town being in McKean county, a quarter of a mile below the present west line of the borough, and derived its name from a house sided as well as roofed with shaved shingles. The first stores were located near the Horse Run bridge, one of quite good size being on the rise of ground at the north side of the Oswayo creek and conducted by Pete Dedrick. In those days, as well as later, cutting the virgin pine timber, sawing it in



Methodist Church at Shinglehouse

the mills and rafting and running it down the river to Pittsburgh was the main business of the early settlers. They sold good, clear, white pine lumber for ten dollars per thousand feet.

The first store where Shinglehouse now stands was erected by Wiley Humphrey, who conducted it for a time and sold it to Benjamin Jones, and is a part of the present store conducted by Babcock & Hess. The first post office was established here dur-

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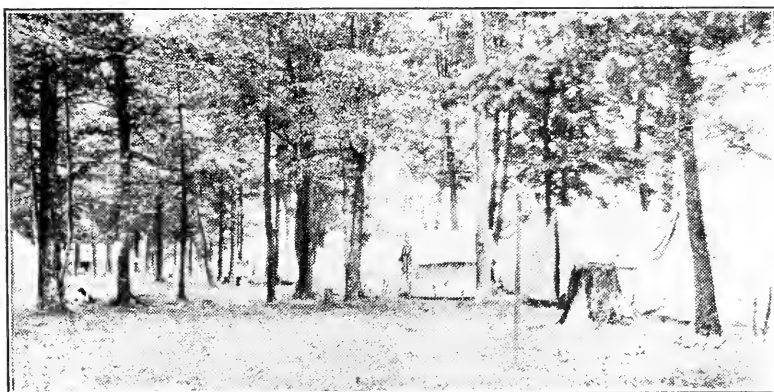
Editor and Owner

SHINGLEHOUSE, PA.



ing President Pierce's administration in the early 40's with G. W. Mosier as post master. In the year 1837 a schoolhouse was erected near what is now the Assembly grounds, where the Misses Stillman, Clarissa Leroy of Clara, Miranda Jones and Huldah Nichols taught. The S. D. B. church was incorporated in 1883, Methodist church in 1885, and the First Baptist church in 1906.

Along in the 80's, gas was struck in Sharon township and lands were leased and many good wells brought in, and some of them are producing today. Since then hundreds of gas wells have been drilled in the vicinity of Shinglehouse and at present there are four big gas companies with pumping stations and gasoline plants in operation pumping millions of cubic feet of natural gas and thousands of gallons of gasoline from this field. The com-



Honeoye Valley Temperance Assembly

panies are the United Natural Gas Co., Producer's Gas Co., Empire Gas Co., and the Empire Glass Co., which uses millions of feet a year in its big window glass factory. The Wolcott Gas Co., also produces considerable gas and gasoline.



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Shinglehouse Livery Before Automobile Days

The town was only a small place until 1901, when Hiram Palmer came here from Kane and erected the big window glass plant, which brought hundreds of families to Shinglehouse and was the making of the present hustling borough, which is considered one of the best towns in the county. We now have a silk mill, machine shop, feed mills, a number of good stores, good banking institution and fine schools. A water system and sewers, and a concrete pavement now under way through our two business streets and on through the borough to the McKean county line. We are connected up with the outside towns by trolley and steam railroad. Hon. Geo. W. Dodge has the honor of being the oldest merchant, having located here in the late 60's.

\* The old Oswayo Valley is one of the finest in the county, and instead of the hum of the circular saws in the many old-time mills, you now hear the "whoa" of the plow boys who work on the many fertile farms along the valley. It is a fine dairy section and great quantities of butter and cheese are made and shipped, along with much other farm produce. The writer has always and will continue to pull for the old Oswayo Valley.

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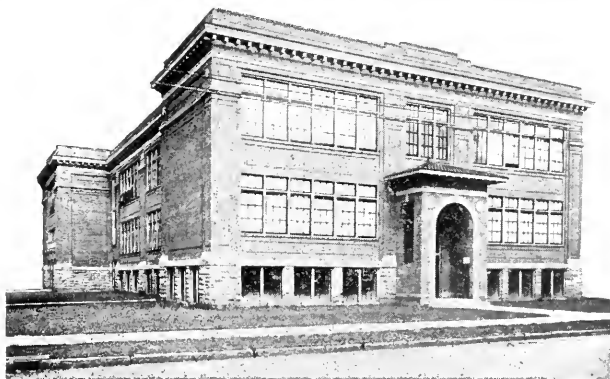
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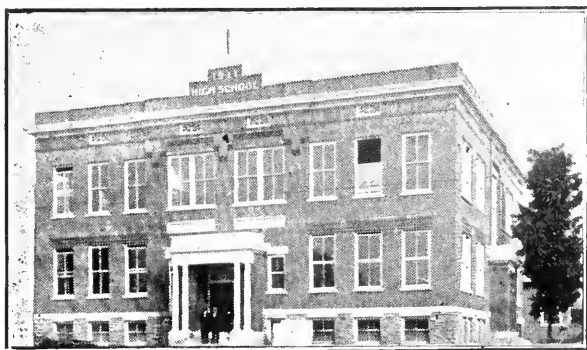
## POTTER COUNTY SCHOOLS

Potter County has thirty school districts which cover a total area of 1,071 square miles. Over this area are conveniently located 10 one-room rural schools, 6 two-room rural schools, 10 high schools



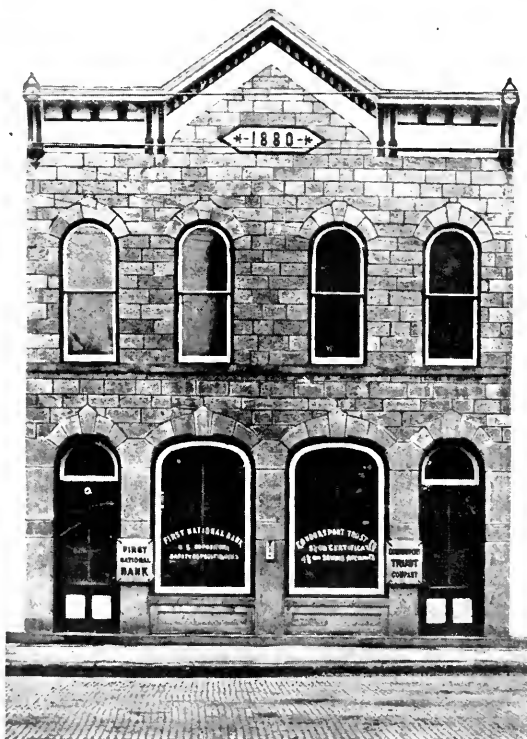
Coudersport High School Building

and 10 graded schools with more than two teachers. These schools have a total enrollment of 4,508 pupils, 2,773 of whom are in the graded and high schools and 1,735 in the rural schools. In June, 1920 the high schools of the county graduated a total of



Shinglehouse High School Building

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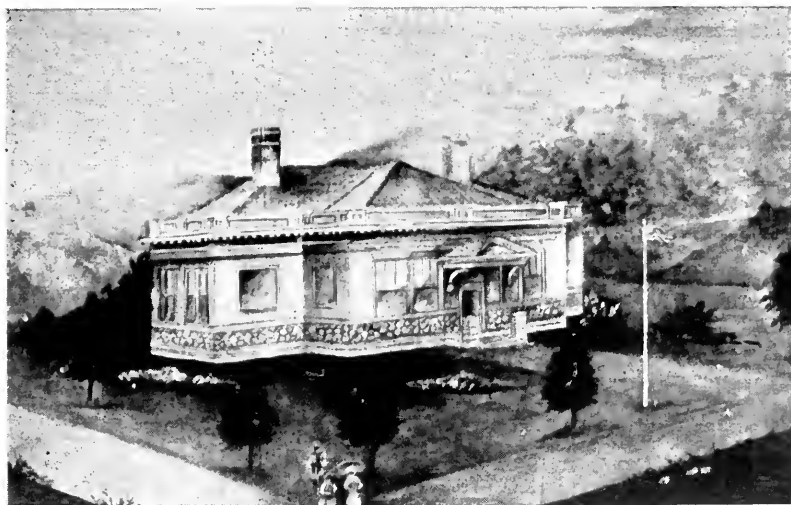
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110 students. Of the 203 teachers of the county there are 173 grade teachers and 30 high school teachers. Eight of these teachers are college graduates, 53 are graduates of State Normals, 175 are high school graduates, 21 hold permanent certificates, 29 hold professional certificates, and 69 hold provision-



Township School at Cross Fork

al certificates. 152 of the 203 teachers of the county have had more than one year's experience in teaching. 89 have been more than one year in their present position. All schools of Potter County are equipped with charts, maps, globes, etc., and all have a library consisting of at least a few volumes. Many have very extensive libraries of well selected books. All schools except three are equipped with slate blackboards.

The average number of months taught in the schools of Potter County is 8. During the past year the 203 teachers were paid salaries totaling to approximately \$128,000 while a total of more than

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\$200,000 has been expended upon the maintenance of the schools.

The high school at Coudersport has a Department of Agriculture under the direction of a specially trained teacher. There is a Vocational Supervisor of agriculture attached to the office of the County Superintendent whose duty it is to supervise its teaching of agriculture in all schools of the County. Potter County is one of only four counties in the State to have such a supervisor.



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## SKETCH OF GALETON

(By M. J. Handwerk)

THE active history of Galeton, formerly known as Pike Mills, began with the building of the tannery about 40 years ago. W. & L. R. Gale, who had formerly operated a tannery at Honesdale, Pa., came here and purchased immense tracts of timber, and the bark from much more. The hides were hauled from Westfield, and afterwards from Ansonia, where railroad connections were made with the Fall Brook railroad now a part of the New York Central.

A few years later the Clintons erected a large hemlock mill which was afterwards acquired by F. H. & C. W. Goodyear. A narrow gage railroad was built from Addison in the early eighties.

The Goodyears then extended the Buffalo and Susquehanna from Keating Summit to Ansonia, and bought the Addison & Pennsylvania.

The shops of the Buffalo & Susquehanna were next erected, and the Emporium Lumber Company erected a large mill for the manufacture of hardwood. A heading factory and a hub factory took care of the timber best fitted to their operation, and Galeton became the emporium of the lumber industry in this section of the State.

With the timber supply exhausted the business men looked for other industries to locate here, and as a result there is now in operation besides the tannery and railroad shops, a silk throwing mill owned by the Harbred Silk Company, a wood working and novelty works, a glove factory, a condensery and a large feed and flour mill.

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Galeton is ideally situated on the head waters of the Pine Creek, a tributary of the Susquehanna and the finest hunting and fishing grounds in Pennsylvania are within a few hours ride. The scenery is unsurpassed east of the Rockies. The northern, east and west state highway from Erie to Honesdale passes through Galeton. This is now in course of permanent construction, and when completed will make it possible for tourists to go from Buffalo and the central west to Harrisburg, Washington and New York through a territory rich in natural resources, and abounding in scenery wild and romantic.



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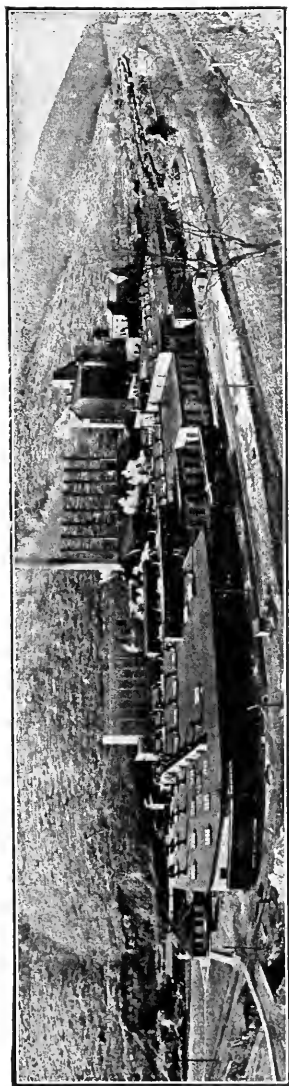
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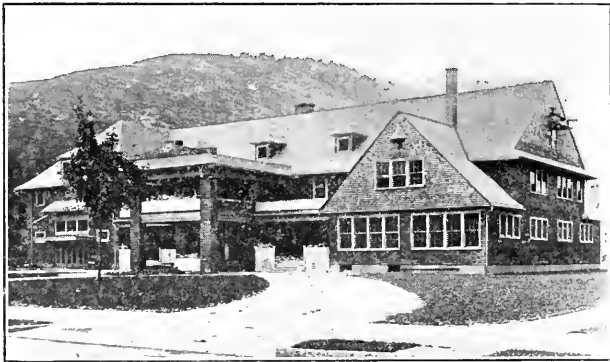
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## THE FLOOD CITY

**F**EW towns in Pennsylvania stand out as prominent as examples of civic pride and progress as does the Borough of Austin. Disaster after disaster has followed the fortunes of this town, but with a spirit and a purpose truly unterrified, the town has risen from each, bigger and better than ever before and stands today one of the most live and progressive towns in Pennsylvania.

In 1884, the name of the town was changed from Freeman's Run, to Austin and the Borough



Austin Community Club House

incorporated. In September, 1885, the first log was sawed in the Goodyear mill and this plant was operated continuously until February, 1911.

The first disaster to visit the town was a fire in 1890, when the entire business section was wiped out. Seven years later the entire residential section of the town was destroyed by fire but with the same spirit that characterizes the town today, the town was rebuilt after these two catastrophes.

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located its mammoth paper plant in Austin and has since been the town's principal industry.

Another and terrible disaster visited the town in September, 1911, when the dam of the paper mill broke, and at which time practically the entire business and residential sections of the town were entirely destroyed. The exact figures were never obtained but at least 168 houses were known to have



North Pennsylvania General Hospital, Austin

been dislocated, 78 lives lost and a monetary loss of from two and a half to three million dollars suffered.

Statistics show that every year from the beginning of the town there has been an increase of population averaging 50 per cent in the boro proper and at the time of the flood the population was something over 3,000. Immediately following the flood this population was reduced to between 700 and 800 and the census of 1920 shows something over 1700.

At the present time this boro is probably the healthiest of any small town in the state and the in-





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domitable spirit of the people spells a greater success for the town than ever before.

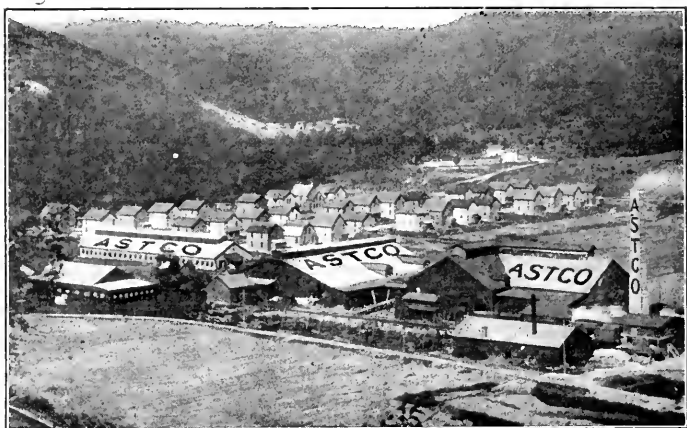
The town has a number of miles of concrete walks, paved streets, municipal water works, good sewerage, commodious school buildings both graded and high school, three churches, bank, hospital, hotels and all that goes to make up a progressive, enterprising town.

During 1919, the people of Austin decided upon having more amusements for the town in general and in their usual get-together spirit with the assistance of a local industry, (the Bayless Company), which latter company donated one-half the amount and guaranteed 5 per cent returns on the public subscription, they have succeeded in nearing completion a Community Club Building, the cost of which will total probably \$85,000. The size of this building is approximately 200 ft. x 90 ft. containing bowling alleys, billiard rooms, shower baths, restaurant, club parlors, theatre seating 400, dance hall, 90 ft. x 60 ft. and class rooms.

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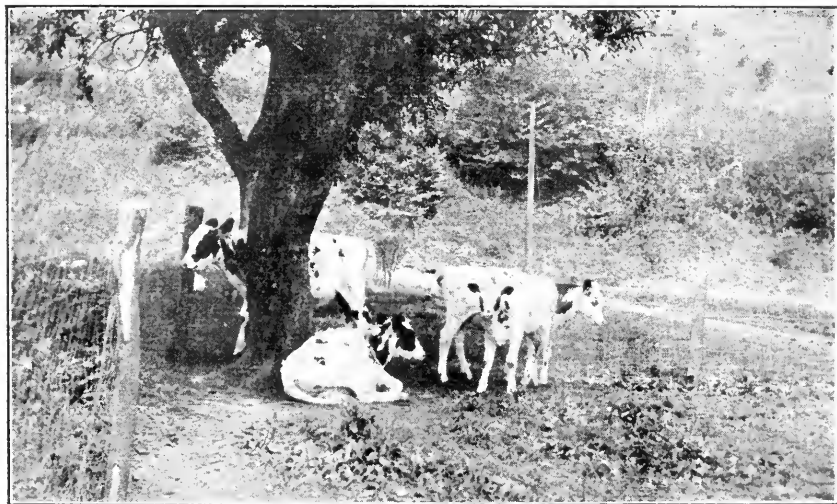
Produces 60,000,000 pounds of milk annually.

Has 135 herds of pure-bred Holstein cows.

Has 65 herds of pure-bred Ayershire cows.

Has the first co-operative Ayershire Bull Association in America, owning seven high record Ayershire bulls which serve seventeen herds.

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## COUDERSPORT BOROUGH

OVER a hundred years ago at a council of the chiefs of the Six Nations of Indians, the Mohawks, the Oneidas, the Onondagas, the Senecas, the Tuscaroras and Cayugas at Fort Stanwix, Oneida county, N. Y., the ground on which Coudersport is located was formally deeded to the State of Pennsylvania, and the Ohio river and Tiadaghton creek were made over to the survey and legal possession of white people. What was to be the price was not



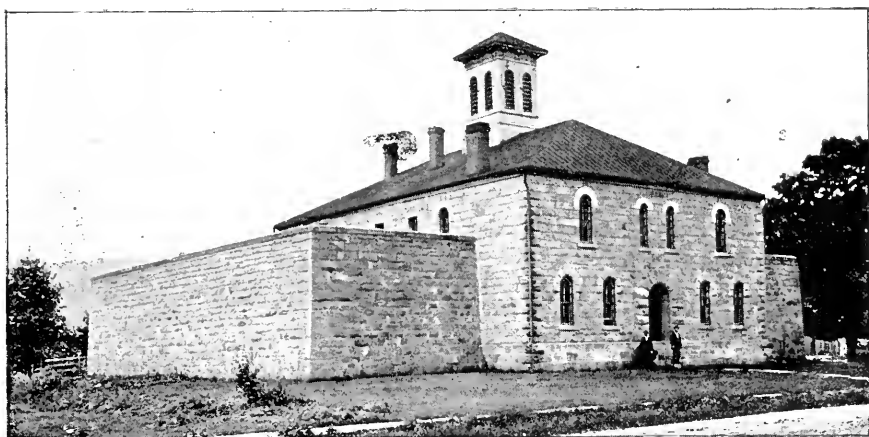
Potter County Court House at Coudersport stated, but a previous statement was for ten thousand dollars, in goods, mostly.

Some ten years later, a patent for this land was



issued to William Bingham, who soon after sold very extensive tracts to John Keating & Co., who had the land surveyed, roads opened and people lived to make clearings so that occasional breaks in the forest showed the first footsteps of civilization.

At about the same date, 1796, the county of Lycoming was formed, including Potter, but in 1804, this county was separated from that of Lycoming. Soon after this our village was laid out by the Keat-



Potter County Jail at Coudersport

ing Company and named by them for Mr. Couder. The singularity of having a "port" away up among the mountains was probably due to having for chief surveyor, an Englishman, who could not realize that the sea was far off and no ports wanted.

Soon a party of surveyors came and spent many a day laying out streets thru laurel thickets and planning a flourishing town. Such liberal inducements were offered that in 1807 this was made the county seat.

A Mr. Dingman, an old resident and Mr. Knick-

erbaker in 1814 or 1815, took a job to clear ten acres in Coudersport. Not long after Mr. Obadiah Sartwell came and built a small log house but abandoned it. In this same cabin however Israel Merriek taught school about seventy years ago.

In 1815, the Legislative authorized the election of Commissioners but they did not meet in this place until 1824. The first post route was established from Jersey Shore at about this same time and once in two weeks mail was carried here on horseback.

One of the early residents was John L. Carter, who came and built a frame house on the lot where the jail now is which was opened to the public. Here Mr. Keating stayed when he made his annual visits often accompanied by members of his family. Eulalia Township was named for one of Mr. Keating's daughters.

In 1826 the first election was held in Coudersport at the Cartee House.

The building of a turnpike road from Jersey Shore to Coudersport occupied several years and was completed in 1833. The same year Potter County was judicially organized and began to look out for its public buildings. So "the old Court House" was built on the present location and completed so that Court was held here in September, 1835. The first Judge was Mr. Timothy Ives.

Mr. Franklin Covey brought a press to town at about this same time publishing a newspaper named, The Potter Pennon. This was followed in 1841 by the Pioneer and then the Journal in 1848.

To satisfy the educational wants of the people an academy was built so that in 1840 the first school year began. The religious side of life was taken care



C. & P. A. R. R. Station at Coudersport

of by visiting ministers and in 1854 a Presbyterian Church was built and soon after a Methodist.

Toward the close of the forties a little sewing society was formed which resulted in May 1850 in the Coudersport Library Association. Such a small beginning has finally resulted in the present collection of books which we find at our disposal today.

Coudersport has experienced a number of industrial booms and depressions and while there has been a slight falling off in population during the past ten years, the town to-day, is conceded to be in the most healthy and prosperous condition it ever has been. It is developing gradually into a town of live industry and its leading manufacturing concerns and labor employing establishments are, The American Silver Truss Corporation, McCabe Furniture Company, Harbred Silk Company, King Manufacturing Company, Graham Roller Bearing Company and Elk Tanning Company, Coudersport Mangle Roller Company, Dieffenbacher Heading Mill.

# WOOD CHEMICAL INDUSTRY

(By Monta C. Burt)

THE making of charcoal and chemicals from our native hardwoods had its beginning in Potter County about 35 years ago at Elmer Harrison Township where a Mr. Burecy conducted a small retort plant for a time. Another attempt was made by the Corbetts in the early nineties who erected a small plant on the South Branch between Germania and Galeton moving it soon afterwards into West Branch Township where the plant was operated a few years and dismantled. About this time the Gaffneys built and operated a small plant at Austin which in turn proved an unprofitable venture and was moved to another county.

During the period 1900 to 1910, the business became firmly established in the county by the erection of plants of the following capacity:

Gray Chemical Co., Roulette, -----	60 cords
Oswayo Chemical Co., Coneville, -----	24 cords
Gaffney Wood Products Co., Walton ----	100 cords
Genesee Chemical Co., Genesee, -----	30 cords

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Total daily capacity -----	215 cords
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The cutting, delivering, carbonizing and distillation of the wood for the aforesaid plants furnishes continuous employment for upwards of 500 men and many teams and over one million dollars is annually paid out for raw material and labor by these industries in the county.

Wood chemicals have now become largely key or basic chemicals and the demand for wood alcohol, acetone, acetic acid, creosote oils, wood preservatives and flotation oils for use in all lines of industrial chemistry is wide spread.

Elsewhere in this booklet Chief Forester Emerick states that of Potter County's total area of 678,790

acres, 90% or 546,645 acres is woodland. The fear that the hardwood forests of our county are being depleted by the wood chemical industries should be appeased by this statement as the maximum rate of cutting by the combined industry as now operated in this county does not exceed 3,000 acres a year and under favorable conditions every acre of land in our



Gray Chemical Company Plant, Roulette.

county not adapted to agricultural purposes can be made to grow 25 cords of chemical wood each generation.

Potter County's natural wealth of the future is in her hardwoods, which if protected from fires are destined to become a perpetual asset to the county of much greater value than were the limited forests of pine and hemlock. Three hundred thousand acres of our hillsides can not be tilled but can be made to grow a profitable crop of raw material each generation for wood chemical or other purposes or a crop of timber suitable for lumber each second or third generation.

## WE MUST DEPEND UPON EACH OTHER

**I**T IS not to be expected that men and women who devote all their time to the raising of crops will have at their finger tips all the ins and outs of business practices, any more than it could be expected of the banker to make a successful job of running a farm.

In all human society, as it is constituted to-day one class must rely upon the other, and both work intelligently and harmonious if there is to be any kind of success.

This little advertisement is printed to bring forcibly to the attention of our friends the willingness of this sound old institution to lend its judgment and experience to all the community in solving the various problems of business.

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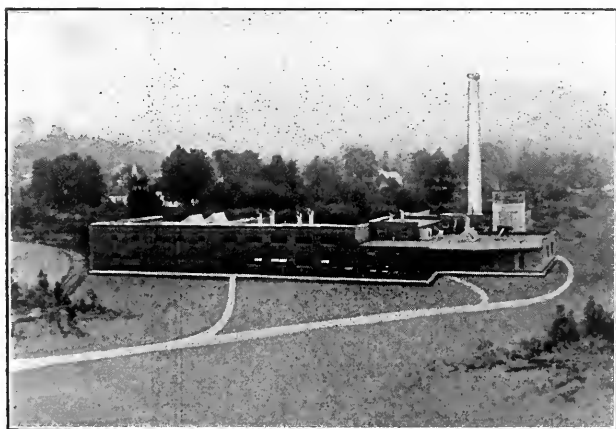
at Galeton, Pa.

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## OTHER COUNTY TOWNS

**T**AKING Potter County in the aggregate, it has nothing but live towns and what some localities lack in population they make up in business progressiveness. One of these hustling smaller towns is Roulette, where a live citizenry unites in real town building. In this town, as leading industries, are the Gray Chemical Company, the V. & S. Bottle Company and the stave and heading mill of the Warner Sugar Refining Company.

The town of Genesee is experiencing one of the most successful periods in the town's history, augmented by a mammoth plant of the Helvetia Milk



Gigantic Milk Plant at Genesee

Company. Some twenty or thirty new houses are being constructed and the residents and business men of the town are wide awake and boosting for a successful future for the place.

The village of Ulysses is a town far advanced in intellectual development and possesses all those natural advantages that go to make up a successful

small town. It abounds in fine residents and properties, good bank, library and located as it is in the center of one of the best agricultural sections of the county, it is a prominent and leading trading center for a large population.

Germania is one of the towns of the county, perhaps more closely associated than any other with the early days and the story of Ole Bull. Hardy German pioneers settled this community and they



W. I. Lewis Library at Ulysses

are famed throughout Pennsylvania for their thrifty agricultural accomplishments, for in and about Germania abound the best and most productive farms of the county. Germania's only manufacturing enterprise is a heading mill which is being operated with much success.

The largest tannery in Pennsylvania was for years located in the live little town of Costello and while the plant is still there its operations have been curtailed to some extent. Costello was also the center of a large lumbering operation and still has



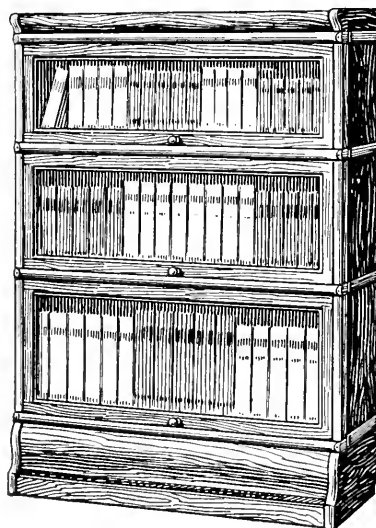
within its borders and in operation a mill of the Central Pennsylvania Lumber Company, which is the last of the hardwood mills in the county.

Harrison Valley, Potter's most northern town, possesses a live population, who are united in furthering the town's best interests. Here is located the Harrison Valley Orphans' Home, the only institution of its kind in this section of Pennsylvania and one of the most worthy charties in existence. The town boasts a large tannery and a water company, the products of which are famed throughout a large territory for its purity and excellence.



A Recent View From the Site of Ole Bull Castle.  
(Photo by Dr. Geo. P. Donehoo)

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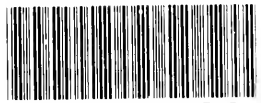
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